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FVAP is Redesigning Key Forms for 2012 – We Need Your Input!

The registration/ballot request form, or (Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)) and back-up ballot, or Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), forms are being updated to increase their ease-of-use and effectiveness.

We are seeking technical and design comments and recommendations from:

- Those who use the forms: military members, their spouses and overseas citizens;
- State and local election officials who process these forms;
- Organizations who assist the above groups; and
- Members of the general public

Suggestions are welcome on all aspects of the form: layout, flow and design; form instructions; wording; technical/legal issues and even the name of the form. Anything that will help voters better communicate their needs to election officials and increase their success in the absentee voting process. The goal is for the voter to provide all required information on the first submission and reduce the number of back-and-forth communications.

A summary of the changes that FVAP is considering may be found at, http://www.fvap.gov/reference/fpca-fwab_public_comment.html. When you send your ideas and comments, please indicate if you are a UOCAVA voter, an election official, or a member of the public and your State of legal voting residence.

To submit comments and suggestions:

E-mail: vote@fvap.gov.

Fax: (703) 696-1352 or DSN 426-1352. Visit the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov for international toll-free fax numbers. No cover sheet is necessary.

Mail: Federal Voting Assistance Program
Attn: Form Updates
1777 North Kent Street, Suite 14003
Arlington, VA 22209

Please take a few moments to provide your thoughts. Your suggestions will make these two forms more usable for both our voters and election officials. Also, pass this on to anyone else who may be able to provide their ideas.

We Want Your Feedback! If this was helpful to you or if you ran into problems or have questions, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. With your feedback, we can make Voter Alerts even more useful in the future.

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